

Funding of School Capital Outlay Costs

Potential Policy Considerations

Legislators may wish to consider the following policy questions related to school facilities funding:

Revenue Source

- Should the revenue source be state or local? Income tax or property tax?
- Should school facility property tax revenues be equalized?
 - If so, which property tax levies should be equalized? Should existing levies be changed? Should a new levy be created?
 - If so, should equalization occur on a statewide basis? On a countywide basis?
 - If so, should revenues be fully or partially equalized?
 - Should a uniform levy be established?
 - Should some discretionary local property tax authority remain?
 - Should a minimum levy be required?
- Should existing revenues or new revenues be used?

Allocation of Revenues

- Should existing allocation methodologies and programs be used? Or should new methodologies be developed?
- Should funds be allocated by formula or by a board designated to allocate funds?
- Should allocation criteria include:
 - Enrollment growth?
 - Total enrollment?
 - Number of students above school capacity under traditional school schedule?
 - Use of efficiency model for school schedules?
 - Facilities over a certain age?
 - Property tax wealth per student?
 - Other criteria?